

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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Whereas, Chris Kates graduated from Indiana University with a bachelor's degree in elementary education;

Whereas, in his eight years of experience as a mathematics, social studies and gifted teacher at Avon Intermediate School East, Mr. Kates has demonstrated professionalism, respect, and a passion for teaching;

Whereas, beyond his dedication to formal classroom instruction, Mr. Kates instills in his students a sense of civic responsibility and community involvement by encouraging volunteerism and philanthropy;

Whereas, in accordance with the criteria set forth by the Milken Family Foundation, Chris Kates has demonstrated exceptional educational talent as evidenced by effective instructional practices and student learning, exemplary educational accomplishments beyond the classroom, strong long-range potential for professional and policy leadership, and an engaging and inspiring presence that motivates and impacts students, colleagues and the community;

Whereas, the Milken Educator Awards were founded by



Lowell Milken to recognize the importance of outstanding educators and encourage talented young people to enter teaching;

Whereas, Chris Kates was recommended, without his knowledge, by a blue-ribbon panel appointed by the Indiana Department of Education. Mr. Kates received the \$25,000 award in a surprise schoolwide assembly hosted by Dr. Suellen Reed, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Dr. Jane Foley, Senior Vice President of the Milken Family Foundation; and

Whereas, Mr. Kates' passion for teaching and the influence he has on his students and the community are inspiring and deserve tremendous praise and recognition: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly commends Chris
- 2 Kates for his dedication to teaching and honors him on receiving a
- 3 2008 Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award.
- 4 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
- 5 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Dr. Timothy L. Ogle,
- 6 Superintendent; Brian E. Scott, Principal; and Mr. Chris Kates.

